

Capsule Summary  
SM-500  
Bachelors Rest  
Clements vicinity  
Private

Circa 1790; 1928

Bachelors Rest is significant as an example of a late eighteenth century structure that was enlarged and eventually encapsulated over time by later and larger additions. Little remains of the earliest section of the building except the heavy timber framing. Also of interest here is the "cider barn," a tobacco barn that housed cider presses used seasonally in the processing of the farm's apple crop.

During the course of a recent renovation the current owners of Bachelors Rest discovered an eighteenth-century room that comprises the earliest section of the house. Resting on one of the top plates of the structure, they found a metal Prince Albert cigarette box that had been placed there in 1928 by Mary Emma Graves. Contained within the box was a note describing the history of the house.

The chain of title for this property shows that John Truman Graves received 180 acres of "Batchelors Rest" by operation of will from John B. Graves. Following his death, the property was purchased by Lewis, also spelled Louis, Graves, who proceeded to purchase additional portions of the tract. At his death in 1872/1873, Graves willed 207 acres of Bachelors Rest to his heirs. This property remained in the Graves family until the late 1930s.

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Rural Agrarian Intensification, 1680 - 1815.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: none

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. SM-500

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Bachelors Rest

**2. Location**

street & number Yates Road (Off of Route 242)    not for publication

city, town Clements   X   vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  X  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  X  </u> building(s)	<u>  X  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  X  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  X  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> entertainment
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  X  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> industrial
			<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edward G. Middleton and Beverly Middleton

street & number P.O. Box 49 telephone no.: 301-884-3605

city, town Morganza state and zip code MD 20660

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber DBK 213

street & number folio 174

city, town Leonardtown state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 5

Bachelors Rest is located at the end of Yates Road on the west side of Route 242 near Clements in St. Mary's County, Maryland. A series of outbuildings are located northwest of the house. The house faces south with the roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Bachelors Rest appears to consist of three building periods. The earliest section of the house is a small one-and-a-half story dwelling measuring 16 feet by 20 feet which dates to the eighteenth century. It was then enlarged in the early nineteenth century with the addition of a room on the north end. The house was substantially enlarged in the early twentieth century. A modern one-story addition is attached to the rear of the house. Now a two-story building, the house is supported by a continuous brick foundation and is sheathed with brick veneer and artificial siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is pierced by a central four-light-over-three-panel door and one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds. This first floor of the house is sheathed with brick veneer. A hipped-roof porch extends across the full width of this elevation. The porch has a cement pad floor and is supported by square posts that rest on brick piers. The second floor is pierced by five eight-over-eight sash windows. A cross gable breaks the roofline and is pierced by an octagonal window.

The east elevation is pierced by a two-over-two sash window and a one-over-one sash window on the first floor. The second floor is pierced by two one-over-one sash windows and one two-over-two sash window. The eave is pierced by an octagonal window. An exterior brick chimney stands against this gable end. To the north extends a one-story brick addition. This wing is pierced by a modern door and a one-over-one sash window.

The north elevation is pierced by one one-over-one sash window. The remainder of the first floor is obscured from view by the one-story brick wing that extends across almost the full-width of the house. This wing is pierced by a door and window. The second floor of the main block is pierced by two eight-over-eight sash windows. The upper half story consists of a shed roof dormer pierced by four nine-over-nine sash windows with louvered shutters.

The west elevation of the one-story brick wing is pierced by a door and window. A carport with a cement floor and roof supported by wood posts mounted on brick piers projects from the first floor of the main block. This first floor is pierced by a door and one one-over-one sash window. The second floor is pierced by one one-over-one

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** See below **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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During the course of a recent renovation the current owners of Bachelors Rest discovered an eighteenth-century room that comprises the earliest section of the house. Resting on one of the top plates of the structure, they found a metal Prince Albert cigarette box that contained two medals of St. Anthony of Padua and a note written by Mary Emma Graves that described the history of the house. Placed there in 1928, the note reads, "This room was bought by John Graves and his wife Ann Edley Graves in the year of 1800, and was an old deserted house at the time, later they built the room adjoining on the north. In June and July 1928, the addition on the East was built by Mary Emma Graves - and she dedicates it to Our Blessed Lady of Victory, St. Joseph and St. Anthony - of Padua. Mr. W. C. Freeman and Mrs. Kate A. Freeman his wife were builders and contractors. The rough lumber or framing was sawed on the farm by Clarence W. Guy assisted by John Boarman Curtis, who was deaf and dumb and who was raised on this farm (Bachelors Rest) - among those who worked on the building was W. C. Freeman, Victor Wathess, Freeman Mattingly, George Hall, Buddie Morgan, David Downs, Jerry Pope. The Chimneys were run by James Ryan assisted by colored man named Turner for a short time. Painting by A. E. Cole and Mr. Robbins of Dist. of Columbia. Written by Emma Graves, July 24, 1928."

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-500

Russell, Fideles. Telephone Interview, May 1995.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 20 acresQuadrangle name LeonardtownQuadrangle scale 1: 24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreage including house and outbuildings.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's County DPZdate March 1995

street &amp; number

telephone 301-475-4662city or town Leonardtownstate MD

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sash window. The eave is also pierced by a window opening. An exterior brick chimney, with a varying bond pattern, stands against this gable end.

The interior of the house is currently in the process of a complete renovation. It was within the course of this renovation that the earliest section of the dwelling, located in the northwest corner of the house, was discovered. This heavy timber framed room has hewn sills. Pit sawn and hewn studs are attached to the sills with mortise and tenon joints secured with wood pegs. The down braces are secured in place with wrought nails. The floor joists are skinned logs. The ceiling joists are pit sawn and are whitewashed. The underside of the floorboards above these joists has been shaped to rest flat on the joists. The location of doors and windows is unclear. A hearth is located on the west side of the room where the chimney still stands. While the chimney located on this side of the house is probably original, it has been rebuilt several times. A stair appears to have been located in the northeast corner of the room at one time. A one-room addition was built on to the east end of the room sometime after 1800. Also constructed of heavy timber framing, the studs, corner post, and top plate of the surviving east wall are hewn and held together with mortise and tenon joints and wood pegs. No nails are visible here. This section of the house has suffered from greater deterioration than the older section to the west.

A series of outbuildings are located north and east of the house, including two tobacco barns, equipment sheds, a concrete block storage building, a granary, and a meathouse. Four of these structures are especially interesting. Located closest to the house is a smokehouse sheathed with weatherboard siding and roofed with corrugated metal. The foundation consists of concrete blocks. A vertical panel door hung on machine made metal hinges pierces the south elevation. The horizontal door battens are reciprocal sawn. The interior of the building now has a cement floor. The studs, tie beams, and rafters are all reciprocal sawn.

A second outbuilding, possibly built for use as a corn house, is sheathed with vertical board siding and roofed with seamed metal. The skinned log sills rest on cinderblock piers. A vertical plank door hung on machine made metal hinges is located on the east elevation. The walls of this building consist of hewn and sawn logs. The tie beams and rafters are hewn as well. The rafters are lapped and nailed together at the apex of the roof and the feet rest on a flat false plate. Originally located closer to the house, it was moved to its current location.

The granary is sheathed with vertical siding and roofed with corrugated metal. It is supported by cement blocks and wood piers. A wood shed has been added to the west elevation of the structure. Two doors pierce the first floor of the north elevation and one pierces the eave, providing access to the loft. One of these doors opens onto the eastern half of the building which is divided into stalls. The two stalls are partially

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lined with reciprocal sawn boards that have been re-used here. The second door opens to the granary that occupies the western half of the structure. A small interior stair, built of reciprocal sawn lumber and mature machine cut nails, leads to the loft space above.

A large rectangular barn, measuring about 44 feet by 20 feet, is located farthest from the house and is known as a "cider barn." Built for use as a tobacco barn, this building also housed cider presses used to process local apple crops. Now sheathed with vertical siding and roofed with corrugated metal, the barn has been enlarged with a series of additions over time. Both cinderblocks and stones support the sills.



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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Edward G. Middleton and Beverley A. Middleton  
FROM: Joseph F. Edelen, Jr. and Mary D. Edelen  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 213, folio 174.  
DATE: June 29, 1974.  
NOTES: Transfer of Tract No. 1 being 207 acres of "Bachelor's Rest" and 35 acres of "Grave's Swamp." Tract 2 being 4 6/100s of an acre.

TO: Joseph F. Edelen and Mary D. Edelen  
FROM: Joseph L. Yates and Agnes J. Yates  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 178, folio 535.  
DATE: June 10, 1972.  
NOTES: Transfer of property described above.

TO: Joseph L. Yates and Agnes J. Yates  
FROM: Francis L. Yates  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 52, folio 197.  
DATE: August 19, 1954.  
NOTES: Transfer of their interest in the tracts Bachelor's Rest and Graves Swamp.

TO: Francis L. Yates  
FROM: Joseph L. Yates and Agnes J. Yates  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 52, folio 195.  
DATE: August 19, 1954.  
NOTES: Transfer of their interest in the tracts Bachelor's Rest and Graves Swamp which formerly belonged to Emma Graves during her lifetime.

TO: Francis L. Yates and Joseph L. Yates  
FROM: Benedict B. Love, Sr., widower.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 21, folio 263.  
DATE: June 4, 1948.  
NOTES: Transfer of Bachelors Rest and Graves Swamp.

TO: May G. Love and Benedict B. Love Sr.  
FROM: Joseph D. Weiner  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 16, folio 62.  
DATE: March 22, 1944.  
NOTES: Transfer of three tracts, including Bachelors Rest and Graves Swamp.

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TO: Joseph D. Weiner  
FROM: May G. Love and Benedict B. Love Sr.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 16, folio 62.  
DATE: March 22, 1944.  
NOTES: Transfer of property noted above.

TO: May G. Love  
FROM: John Donelan Hurry (J.D. Hurry Sr.), Agnes M. Hurry, Joseph D. Weiner and Paul Bailey, Trustees.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 11, folio 573.  
DATE: October 14, 1939.  
NOTES: Sale of property as a result of a judgement in the case of Benedict B. Love Sr. et al vs Keating Woodburn et al (1869 N.E.) being the same as that which formerly belonged to the late Emma Graves.

TO: May G. Love, Benedict B. Love Sr., Blanche Graves Guy, Keating Woodburn, Lillian Woodburn, Elizabeth Woodburn Hammett, Louise Woodburn Abell, Richard Woodburn  
FROM: Emma Graves  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber ACM 1, folio 301.  
DATE: November 14, 1938.  
NOTES: Devision of Bachelor's Rest.

TO: Emma Graves  
FROM: Joseph E. Graves  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 11, folio 301.  
DATE: June 14, 1913.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Bachelors Rest" and "Graves Swamp" in exchange for \$5 and her agreement to take care of him for the remainder of his life, being the same land of which Lewis Graves died possessed.

TO: Joseph E. Graves  
FROM: William M. Loker, Trustee  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 3, folio 55.  
DATE: December 23, 1902.  
NOTES: Transfer of property as a result of decree in Circuit Court dated August 11, 1902 in the case Francis Graves next friend to Isabel and Henrietta Graves vs. Joseph E. Graves et al being the land of which Lewis Graves died possessed (Case No. 982 N.E.; Decree Record EBA 2/138). The property is sold for the benefit of the infant children of James F. Graves. The land is described as being 231 or 232 acres located between Morganza and the head of the bay and being "poor land which is yearly becoming poorer."

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TO: Ignatius F. Graves, Simon P. Graves, Joseph E. Graves, Lewis F. Graves, James F. Graves, Mary L. Graves  
FROM: Louis Graves  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JTMR 1, folio 327.  
DATE: January 14, 1873  
NOTES: Devision of "my plantation whereon I now dwell known by the name of Bachelors Rest" being 207 acres.

Parcel 1

TO: Louis Graves  
FROM: James M. Russell and Ann Maria Russell  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 205.  
DATE: August 23, 1859.  
NOTES: Transfer of all that part of a tract lying westward of a straight line beginning at the 'nailed oak' a corner boundary of the land of Edward R. Bradburn's heirs and running direct to the land of John T. Raley's heirs near his spring where a stone is now set containing 65 acres of land more or less called "Bachelors Rest" being part of the tract purchased by James M. Russell from George Morgan, Trustee, for the sale of the land of John Saxton, deceased. Price: \$700.

TO: James Russell  
FROM: George C. Morgan, Trustee  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 45.  
DATE: December 16, 1858.  
NOTES: Sale of property as a result of a decree in Circuit Court case No. 410, George Saxton et al vs. Teresa Thompson et al (No Decree Record). Transfer of "Bachelors Rest" being 207 3/4 acres of which John Saxton died possessed.

TO: Heirs  
FROM: John Saxton  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Estate #369.  
DATE: 1855  
NOTES: Saxton died intestate.

TO: John Saxton  
FROM: Luke E. Barber, Trustee  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 10, folio 511.  
DATE: September 20, 1836.  
NOTES: Sale of property as a result of a judgement in the Court of Equity dated August 11, 1830, being the sale of real estate of Eleanor Baily, late of St. Mary's County. On December 7, 1830, 207 3/4 acres of "Batchelors Rest" was sold to John Saxton for \$605.

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Parcel 2

TO: Louis Graves

FROM: John T. Graves and Mary Ann Graves

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 12, folio 5.

DATE: April 21, 1840.

NOTES: Transfer of 40 acres of Bachelors Rest purchased of James Thomas. Also a parcel where John T. Graves died seized of, being one undivided 1/3 part of Bachelors Rest being 100 acres. Price: \$300

Parcel 2A

TO: John T. Graves

FROM: James Thomas

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 11, folio 274.

DATE: May 25, 1838

NOTES: Transfer of part of "Batchelors Rest" and part of "Room" conveyed by John Eden to William Thomas and also part of Graves Swamp lying on the east side of the main run commencing at a locust tree a boundary of "Room" and running westerly to the main run thence down and with the main run till it intersects with the north line of the land now occupied by Lewis Graves..." Price: \$1200

Parcel 2B

TO: Louis Graves

FROM: George H. Graves and Elizabeth Graves

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 11, folio 434.

DATE: April 1, 1839.

NOTES: Transfer of the tract where John T. Graves died seized of being one undivided 1/6 part of "Bachelors Rest," 100 acres total. Price: \$25

TO: Louis Graves

FROM: Mary Ann Graves

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 11, folio 352.

DATE: September 18, 1838.

NOTES: Transfer of one undivided 1/6 interest in "Bachelors Rest" being 100 acres total. Price: \$25

TO: Lewis Graves

FROM: George Jordan and Susanna Jordan

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 8, folio 36.

DATE: August 10, 1827.

NOTES: Transfer of one undivided 1/6 part of "Bachelors Rest" being 100 acres total. Price: \$40

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TO: Heirs

FROM: John Truman Graves

RECORD: St. Mary's County Administration Accounts, Liber JJ 4, folio 180.

DATE: 1817

NOTES: John Truman Graves died intestate.

TO: John Truman Graves

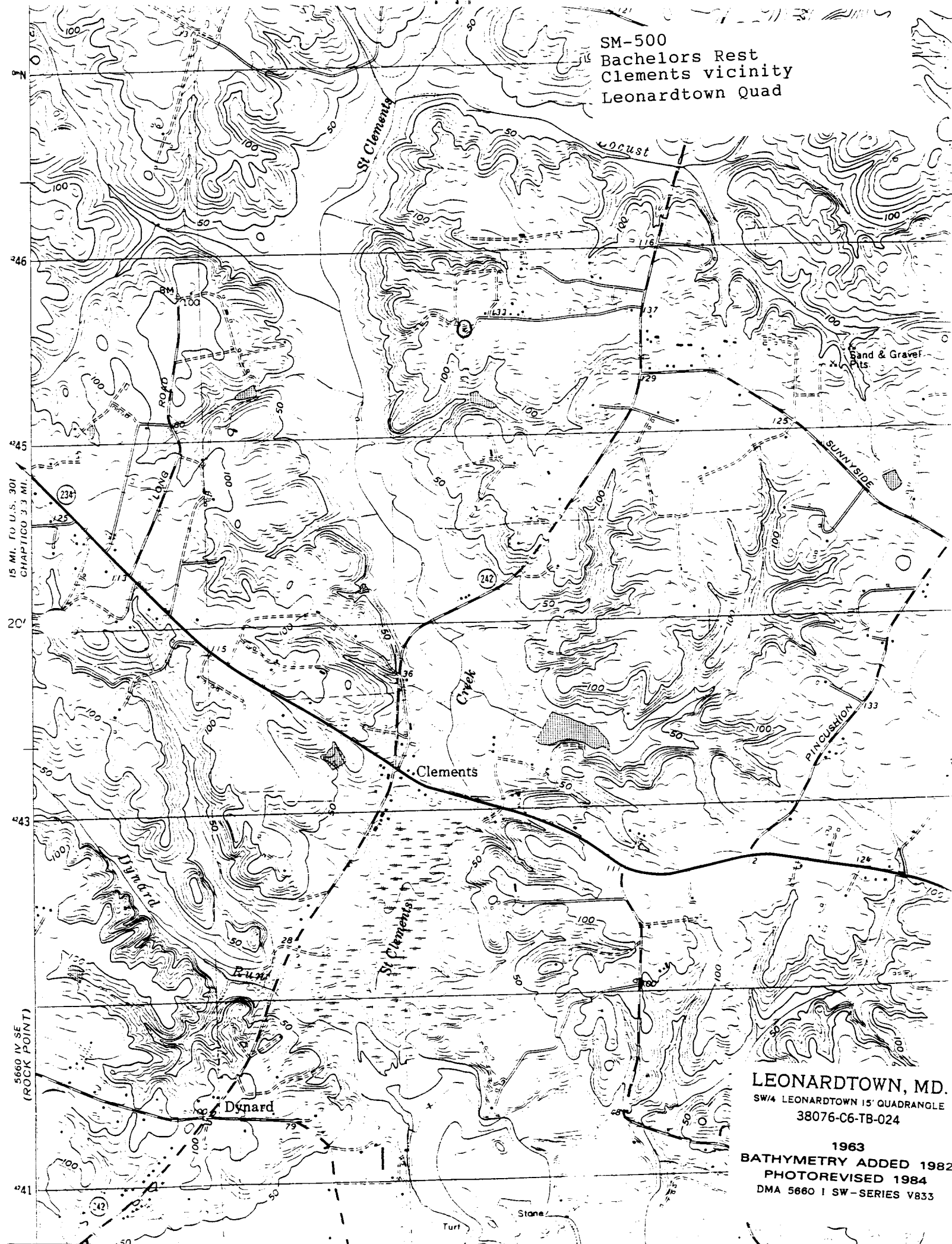
FROM: John B. Graves

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JJ 2, folio 259.

DATE: August 8, 1800.

NOTES: Transfer of "Batchelors Rest" being 180 acres.

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Bachelor's Bend

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Bachelor's Rest

St. Mary's County

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